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Preliminary Amendment Prior to Claims Fee Calculation

Sir:

Applicant is submitting his application to commence the U.S. National Phase of his instant International Application in German (an English translation will be tendered shortly) on the basis of the four (4) claims replacing the originally filed seven (7) claims.

Applicant courteously requests that for purposes of claims fee calculation the following amendment, referring to the four (4) new German-language claims, be entered to avoid excess claims fees otherwise due.

In the claims:

Claim 3, line 1: cancel "und 2"; and
claim 4, line 1: cancel "1 bis".